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FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

+ Secretary-General says Haitian Army has taken no steps to comply with Security Council requirements for lifting of sanctions due to take effect tomorrow; Commander-in-Chief supported recent illegal attempt to replace President Aristide.

+ Assistant Secretary-General for Peace-keeping Operations to visit Rwanda to consult with parties on implementation of UNAMIR mandate; Secretary-General's Military Adviser to discuss deployment plan with Force Commander.

+ IAEA says Democratic People's Republic of Korea has breached nuclear safeguards agreement by discharging reactor fuel without implementing necessary safeguards measures; proposes sending team to country to discuss situation.

+ Fiftieth Anniversary Preparatory Committee recommends that General Assembly hold special meeting in 1995 to commemorate anniversary of United Nations Charter.

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Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has informed the Security Council that the Haitian Armed Forces have not taken any steps to comply with paragraph 18 of resolution 917 (1994). That paragraph provided that a comprehensive commercial embargo against Haiti -- due to take effect tomorrow -- would remain in force until the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces retired; the Chief of Police of Port-au-Prince and Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces resigned; and President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned to the country. It also required the creation of a proper environment for free and fair legislative elections and for the deployment of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH).

In a report to the Security Council dated 19 May, the Secretary-General said there had been no change in the attitude of the Haitian Armed Forces. On the contrary, the Commander-in-Chief had supported the recent attempt to

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illegally replace President Aristide, an action which had been strongly condemned by the Council.

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Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has asked Iqbal Riza, Assistant Secretary-General for Peace-keeping Operations, to visit Rwanda in order to consult the parties there on all aspects of the implementation of the expanded mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR). Mr. Riza will be accompanied by the Secretary-General's Military Adviser, Major-General Maurice Baril.

Mr. Riza will discuss with the parties the modalities for cooperation with UNAMIR, while Major-General Baril will discuss with the Force Commander, General Romeo Dallaire, details of the deployment plan for the next phase of the operation. They will leave New York tonight and are expected to arrive in Rwanda on Sunday. As UNAMIR's new mandate is fundamentally to protect humanitarian activities, the Secretary-General has asked Special Representative Jacques-Roger Booh-Boch to base himself in Nairobi for talks with Governments in the region.

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The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has said that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has seriously breached the nuclear safeguards agreement by discharging fuel from its Experimental Nuclear Reactor without implementing safeguards measures requested by the Agency. The IAEA yesterday asked the People's Republic to promptly make arrangements for those safeguards and to defer any further fuel discharge.

The IAEA said it would be unable to determine if the People's Republic had diverted nuclear material if the country continued discharge operations without implementing the safeguards measures. The Agency proposed sending a team of officials to the People's Republic immediately to discuss arrangements for implementing those measures.

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The Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations has recommended that the General Assembly hold a special meeting next year to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter. Under a draft resolution approved yesterday, the Assembly would invite Heads of State or Government to address the two-day meeting beginning 22 October.

Updating the Committee on preparations for the Organization's Fiftieth Anniversary, the Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Public Policy, Gillian Martin Sorensen, said 44 national committees had been established, and another 26 proposed. There were also plans for a global teach-in, and the United Nations was working with educational institutions to prepare material on its history and activities. A children's history of the Organization would be issued in the six official languages, as well as in German and Japanese.

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